

CROSS-COUNTRY RUN IS TODAY'S FEATURE

LUSH AND ATZ HERE

Baseball Stars in Midwinter "Fanning Bee."

DAHLEN FOR BROOKLYN CLUB

"Bad Bill" Almost Sure to Get Release from Boston Club—American League Schedule Meeting in Chicago February 16—Nick Altrock Fanned to Minneapolis.

By WILLIAM PEET.

There was a lot of baseball war talk in Hickman & White's assembly room yesterday afternoon. Among those present were Bob Cranston and his dog "Bunk," "Doc" White, Billy Lush, coach of the Navy basketball team and former Cleveland outfielder, and "Jakey" Atz, White Sox utility man and pinch hitter.

Atz just blew in from New Orleans, and says that he is going to look Washington over for a few days. He kidded "Doc" White a lot about wanting to quit a leading team for a tail-end, and "Doc" said that somebody was kidding the public and that he would see "Jakey" next spring, and advised "Jakey" not to fall by the wayside, as Nick Altrock and Ruben Waddell are reported to have done.

Billy Lush came over from Annapolis to see the eye specialist who treated him when the accident happened three years ago, and says that he is at present a free agent as far as baseball is concerned. Lush believes that he will be in shape to play ball next spring, and will not doubt be snapped up for a trial by one of the big teams.

Bob Cranston deplored the fact that Charlie Hickman could not be present at the "fanning bee," but "Pink" Bowle said that "Hick" was better off in Pittsburgh for the time being. When "Hick" comes home, the writer will have some interesting news to hand the public.

The American League has announced its annual schedule meeting in Chicago on February 16. This means that the National League will meet to adopt its schedule the following day. There has been some talk of starting the season a week later, about April 20, but this is sure to be passed up. April 14 will probably be the opening day of baseball.

Ban Johnson insists upon reopening the ticket scandal case. Mr. Johnson has been threatened with a libel suit. He says that if the case ever gets into the courts the evidence now in hand will surely drive certain people out of baseball.

Bill Dahlen was a caller at McGraw's, in New York, yesterday. He says there is no news, as far as he is concerned, though he expects to hear definitely within a few days whether he will get his release from Boston to manage the Brooklyn team. It is understood that the Brooklyn club has raised its cash offer for Dahlen, and there is scarcely any doubt that William will get the desired transfer sooner or later.

"Rube" Marquard is on his way to New York. He expects to be in the Metropolis until the young Giants sail for New Orleans early in February. Marquard is still looking for his share of that \$10,000.

President Ebbets, of the Brooklyn club, will start for Cincinnati Saturday night. He is a member of the National League schedule committee, which will confer with the American League committee in Cincinnati next week. Frank Farrell is a member of the American League committee. Incidentally Ebbets and Farrell will do all they can to hurry along the reinstatement of Jimmy Sebring and Hal Chase.

Nicholas Altrock, the German comedian, will not pitch for the White Sox next season. He twirled only a few games last season. Altrock will be turned over to the Minneapolis club, and if he shows his old-time ability he can return to the Sox. Altrock is one of the players who refuse to take baseball seriously, and always acts the part of a clown on the diamond. However, he was considered the best fielding pitcher in the American League.

RYAN'S MANAGER TALKS.

Willing to Fight Lowe Any Time, Winner Take All.

Speaking Editor The Washington Herald.

Dear Sir: I see by a Baltimore paper that Tommy Lowe's manager says his boy is willing to meet Willie Ryan, of Buffalo. I will accept the match at once, providing Lowe makes 135 pounds ring-side, and the boys can box, winner take all. If Ryan cannot beat Lowe, I don't want a cent. Yours truly,

H. C. BLIVEN,
Manager Willie Ryan.

MICHIGAN IS DROPPED.

Vanderbilt Will Not Play Yost's Team Next Season.

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 31.—Considerable surprise was occasioned by the publication of the Vanderbilt University's football schedule for 1909, showing the suspension of relations with Michigan University. Coach McGuggin, brought here in lieu of Coach Yost, said that nothing unpleasant had happened, that each university figured in the face of a disastrous season that a change was best for both.

The only Northern trip scheduled for the Southern champions is to Columbus, on November 13, for a game with Ohio State.

FIRST GAME OF SEASON.

Howard College Five Meets Creasents To-morrow Night.

A large and enthusiastic crowd is expected to witness the contest between the Howard College basketball five and the goal tappers of the Crescent Athletic Club at True Reformers' Hall to-morrow night.

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More Money for New York National Baseball Players.

New York, Dec. 31.—Manager McGraw will have a talk with John T. Brush, the latter part of the week and early next week contracts will be mailed to the players on the New York club's reserve list. McGraw says the club will have no trouble over money matters. The men who did such good work last season will get a boost in salary. Among these will be Witte, Mathewson, Crandall, Herp, and Bridgman. Tenny, too, may expect a little extra pay. McGraw will be permitted to go where he pleases, and it is very likely that Taylor will be turned loose. If Seymour is retained, Barry may be sent elsewhere. From the drift of McGraw's talk, it is safe to predict that McCormick will be retained. The latter showed a big improvement under the direction of McGraw.

WASHINGTON STARS SIGNED

Manager Feuerherd, of Fredericksburg Team, in Town.

Prospects for 1909 Are Unusually Bright for Winning Virginia League Pennant.

Manager Fred Feuerherd, of the Fredericksburg team of the Virginia League, was in Washington yesterday on a scouting trip for players. Several well-known Capital City stars were tendered contracts and affixed their John Hancock.

Manager Feuerherd says that a \$10,000 baseball stock company has been formed in Fredericksburg, and that the prospects for a strong team were never brighter. Hopes are entertained of winning the 1909 championship, which last season went to Winchester.

The Fredericksburg team last year won forty-seven games, lost fifteen, and tied one. "Dutch" Menefee, "Lindy" Linthum, and Harry Dodd, of Washington, played with the aggregation.

SOCCER FOOTBALL TO-DAY.

Caledonians to Play Baltimore Team at Brightwood.

The Sons of St. George soccer team, of Baltimore, will play their annual game with the Caledonian team, of Washington, at the Brightwood Driving Park. Play is scheduled to begin at 2:15 o'clock. More than forty of the Sons' rosters have signed their intention to be on hand.

The rivalry between these teams each year becomes more intense, and as each returning date comes round, the players are more and more eager for the fray. Up till now the Sons have the majority of games to their credit, and it is the determination of the Scotchmen of the Capital City to even things up.

The Sons' line-up will be taken from A. Gamble, G. Hyde, I. Lawson, A. Erskine, R. B. Howard, R. Vierr, R. Williams, H. Lempert, J. Guthrie, P. Bowring, T. Lawder, J. Quinn, W. Smoot, and H. Ainsworth. H. A. Stewart will referee.

The Caledonian team will line-up as follows: Cameron, goal; Bremner, left full back; Spence, right full back; Anderson, center; Macfarland, left half; Black, right half; Scott, forward; MacDougall, inside right; McGill, inside right; Bullen, outside left; Douglas, outside right.

KID BROAD IN A MONOLOGUE.

Just imagine "Kid" Broad in a monologue. Sounds like the funniest thing you ever heard of. The Kid is one of the features of the bill which some of his friends are going to pull off in his honor at the West Side. Tom Hall in Cleveland next Tuesday night. The "Kid" says he will come to the front with a side of beef. He will be the first to take four champions—Abe Attell, George Dixon, Terry McGovern, and "Young" Corbett, and give a trial to the last of an inter-continental.

FIREBASE BASEBALL LEAGUE

Socks Seybold says he has not closed for next season yet, but he is sure to be in demand in the course of a few weeks.

"Ed Walsh, of the White Sox, was once a brackman on the Sox line," says a paragraph. Now he is freeman on the spit ball line.

Cy Young may be sorrowing, but Bill Dineen is rejoicing. Cy will not have Criger with him next year, but Dineen will have him again.

President John I. Taylor has come to terms with Harry Hooper, of the Sacramento (Cal.) team, and the player will also be given a trial in the outgarden of the Red Sox next year.

The Cleveland club will expend thousands of dollars in the spring to put its ball field in shape, so that it will be as fast as any in the country. It has hitherto been classed as the slowest.

The Giants have arranged for two exhibition games with the St. Louis Browns for Dallas, Tex., next year. They will be played April 5 and 6. McGraw's lads will also clash with the Detroit Tigers in the Lone Star State.

Garry Herrmann is being boomed for grand slapper of the 23ks. He received a lot of books in New York recently. The Cincinnati sportsman is one of the best known Elks in the country. Besides being a big man in the baseball, he is prominent in bowling circles.

"No tail-enders" in the National League next year. Sounds funny, but Brownson, of St. Louis, and Griffith, of Cincinnati, have both promised to have their teams fighting for the lead. And President Ebbets expects to get a manager with pennant aspirations.

Mike Cantillon expects to get a first baseman from the Boston American team for his Minneapolis crew. Should such a deal go through, it would mean the retirement of Bill Clarke at Minneapolis. Cantillon expects to continue as bench manager of the Millers, and Bill would be out in the cold.

Pitcher Walters, of the San Jose club, played in seventy-four games and hit 230, besides stealing twenty-seven bases. Besides playing in the outfield, Walters pitched twenty-seven games, of which he lost but two. Manager McCloskey has signed Walters for the Milwaukee club.

Word comes from Detroit that Bush, the sensational young shortstop, whose great work materially helped the Tigers to a second pennant, will be played at third base next season. Capt. Bill Coughlin seems to have about outlived his usefulness in fast company, and O'Leary is a rattling good infielder. Bush is familiar with the third-base position. In fact, he made his reputation at this corner before being switched to short by Charlie Carr, of Indianapolis.

READY FOR LONG RUN

Thirty-eight Athletes Entered for Ten-Mile Race.

COURSE WILL BE FLAGGED

Y. M. C. A. Distance Run Promises Close Finish and Sensational Time. Athletes Will Get Away at 10:30 o'clock, and Should Finish at 11:30—Winner Is Hard to Pick.

Y. M. C. A. 10-MILE RUN.

Starting and finishing point—Fifteenth and B streets northwest. Time of start—10:30 o'clock. Number of entries—Thirty-eight. Turning point for home trip—Methodist Church on Arlington Pike. Time runners should reach church—11:30 o'clock.

The runners should finish—11:35 o'clock. Condition of course—Excellent, with exception of one mile stretch between Highway bridge and brickyard. Weather—Clear and cold. Probable winners—Conner, Wadman College; Griffith and Bryner, Johns Hopkins; Cannon, Cross Country Club, or Woodward, Y. M. C. A., and Dunn, Yale.

Everything is in readiness for the big Y. M. C. A. ten-mile run this morning. Thirty-eight entries have been received, and it is expected that most of these men will face the mark ready for the crack of the starter's pistol.

The weather man has promised some real cold, clear weather, and as Wednesday's rain washed away most of the snow the course will be ideal, with the possible exception of a one-mile stretch between the end of Highway Bridge and the brick yard, but right here a foot-pat can be used, which will help a whole lot.

Physical Director Beckett, of the Y. M. C. A., says that every athlete must be on hand in time to get away at 10:30 o'clock. All those who fail to put in an appearance at the time named will forfeit their chances. There will be no delays.

The course will be marked out by red flags placed along the line at intervals of 20 yards, and Manager Beckett will personally supervise the laying out of the flags one hour before the starting time of the race.

It is estimated that the athletes get away at 10:30 o'clock, and the winner will cross the line about 11:35, allowing a little more than six minutes actual running time to the mile.

The first three runners to finish will be awarded silver cups, and the winner will be given a banner. Every runner whose actual time over the course is not slower than one hour and twenty minutes will be presented with a medal.

The course has been described in detail by The Washington Herald, and those interested in the sport are familiar with it. The turning point for the homebound journey will be made at the Methodist church on the Arlington pike, a distance of six miles. The runners should reach this point at about 11:30 o'clock.

As to the probable winner, it is hard to say. John Hopkins, of Baltimore, has in Griffith and Bryner two exceptionally clever men, veterans in long-distance running. The Cross Country Club of Baltimore presents Cannon, another great runner, while Louis Connor, wearing the colors of Wesleyan College, Middle-town, Conn., a Washington boy, is a strong favorite, as is Woodward, the old Cornell distance man, now representing the Washington Y. M. C. A. Indications point to a close finish and fast time.

GOSSIP OF THE BOXERS.

Leach Cross is after a fight with Young Ernie at 135 pounds.

Harry Lewis, who is spending the holidays in Philadelphia, turned down an offer to meet Jimmy Clabby at New Orleans.

The Olympic A. C., of Essington, Pa., is negotiating for a fifteen-round contest between Jack Blackburn and Mike (Twin) Sullivan.

Bobby Thompson, of Canada, who will be favorably recalled by followers of boxing, is now chauffeur for a prominent Philadelphia banker.

Kid McCoy, who is in Paris, told a promoter there that he was all done with the ring and that no inducements could change the decision.

Jim Driscoll has agreed to box Tommy O'Toole at Philadelphia January 12. He has also under consideration two offers for bouts with Abe Attell on the Pacific Coast.

Bill Delaney has no exalted opinion of the ability of his pro, Al Kaufman. Delaney says that if Kaufman fights Johnson it will have to be under different management.

Marvin Hart, who boxes Mike Schreck at Lexington, Ky., thinks he can beat Jack Johnson. Hart secured a verdict over Johnson, but under circumstances that reflected credit on neither man.

Napoleon Dufresne will have two important matches next week. January 7 he will meet Freddie O'Brien at 122 pounds at North Adams, Mass., and a few days later will box Al Delmont at Schenectady, N. Y.

Dr. Ben T. Roller, the Seattle wrestler, who is to meet Kaufman, is an all-round athlete, a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, and was for a time athlete coach at De Pauw. He has the ideal build for a boxer.

The Unity A. C. of Lawrence is trying to arrange a match between Eddie Murphy, of South Boston, and Young Otto, the New York light-weight. Dick Nelson, who has been meeting Murphy last week, has reconsidered the matter and may be given a crack at the South Boston lad.

Princeton, 2; Yale, 6.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 31.—Before a large crowd in Duquesne Garden to-night Princeton's hockey team won the first game of the annual three-game series with Yale. The score was 2 to 6 in favor of Princeton, and there was some hard, fast playing between the Orange and Black was able to get away with the contest.

Toasts Have More

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SPORTING SIDELIGHTS.

By BILL BAILEY.

Just as we had affixed our John Hancock to a lovely water wagon New Year's resolution, no less than eight of our friends called, leaving everything from "third rail" to "Shoemaker's. What's the use, anyway?"

Good morning! Will see you all at the Y. M. C. A. ten-mile run. Bill Bailey has been invited to act as clerk of the course, or course of the clerk, something like that, and will be easily recognized standing on the steps of the Methodist church waving a red flag. Keep your eye on the flag.

Mr. Riven, fight promoter and manager of Willie Ryan, of Buffalo, says that his boy has Kid Sullivan, Tommy Lowe, and all the Baltimore light-weights sidestepping. Ryan sent Kid Seeger to the hay in three rounds about a year ago, and that seems to be the answer.

The fact that Longboat, the Indian runner, is now a bridegroom suggests that his wedding must have been a swift affair.

For the benefit of many of our readers in the northeast section, the Bill Bailey column will soon appear in the Italian translation, edited by Dorando and Kid Broad.

Dear Bill: To decide a bet, please state (a) the date of the first Gans-Nelson fight, the winner, and how many rounds; (b) the number of fights and who won the last two.

L. A. J. Answer—A. September 3, 1905. Gans won on a foul in forty-two rounds. B. They have fought three times. Nelson won the last two bouts, one in seventeen rounds, which was fought July 4, 1908, and one of twenty-one rounds, which was fought September 3, 1908.

Bowling seems to have taken a strong hold on some of the Washington newspaper men. As we seem to have the Baltimore scribes beaten to a frazzle in about everything, why not organize a team and challenge the best they have over in the Monumental City?

Foolish Question No. 11.—Principals—Tom Brown, the National League player, and Bill Cooper, the New York avenue merchant.

"Did you get your fingers bugged up playing ball, Tom?"

"No, you 'possum hunter; got 'em injured trying to spin a top on the point of the Washington Monument."

There seems to be considerable difference of opinion about the ability of Alfred Shrubbs to stay through the regular "Marathon" distance of 25 miles and 385 yards. It is conceded on all sides that Shrubbs is a wonderful runner up to fifty miles, but there are many who believe that that distance is his limit and that Longboat will lose the little Briton in the last stages of the race. Now, don't think for a single minute that "Alfie" is going to go out and run his head off the first half of the race, and be a helpless mule in the last few miles. Shrubbs did not make the match blindly, and he is a shrewd trainer and has the racing game down to a science. The event should prove one of the greatest distance runs of modern times.

How to Chauffeur. No. 12.—The best way to run your own car. There is many a man who can run his own business and run his own home who cannot run his own auto. The reasons for this are legion, the principal one being that the car doesn't go when he is at the wheel. He knows all the brakes and can tell each piece of mechanism by its first name. He is a qualified chauffeur in all things except that he cannot make the machine go. The best way to run your own car is to hire a driver.

Here's to you all, boys—and many of 'em for 1909.

TAKE SPORTS TOO SERIOUSLY

Yale Coach Talks on Death of Young Oarsman.

Says Nervousness and Not Physical Strain Caused Griswold's Collapse in Harvard Race.

New Haven, Dec. 31.—Yale men were inexpressibly shocked at the news of the death of Dwight T. Griswold, stroke oar last year, reported from San Francisco Tuesday. None of the members of the present varsity crew are here because of the Christmas holidays, but John A. Kennedy, coach for many years, said of Griswold's accident in the race last June:

"Griswold was of a high-strung nervous tension, and his accident was due to a tightening of the muscles of his chest because of his extreme nervousness. When the Yale crew left the boat-house to walk down to the float to launch their shell I noticed that he acted somewhat nervous, but I spoke to him and he seemed reassured."

"The false start due to the breaking of Capt. Ellis's shoelace in the shell, and the necessity of starting the race over again added to Griswold's nervousness, and the booming of the cannon up through the line of the first mile of the race practically completed his collapse. He was not physically exhausted, but as the muscles of his chest contracted because of his nervousness he became unconscious and had to be lifted from the shell."

"He was taken into the launch, where I saw that he was suffering from nothing but nervousness. He was taken to the boat-house, where a physician confirmed the fact that he was suffering from no physical strain."

"I firmly believe that college oarsmen are urged by their fellows to look too seriously on the athletic events. I know that some of Griswold's friends laid down to him too strongly the necessity of the race must rest with him. This helped his nervousness, and after the race was lost, prevented him from throwing off his nervous cloud. No athlete should be taught to regard college sports in this way."

"Personally I have no doubt that the worry of the young man, protracted for months, led to his system being in such a condition that when typhoid attacked him, he was unable to throw off the disease."

"Griswold was one of the finest fellows who ever sat in a Yale shell."

Young Ford, of Philadelphia, is open to meet them all at 130 pounds. There are not many boys who have anything on "The Fighting Dutchman" when it comes to taking punishment, and also returning it.

G. W. U. AND EUCKNELL.

Thanksgiving, 1908.

(Apologies to "Casey at the Bat.")

It looked extremely bad for G. W. that day. The score stood five to nothing, with half three left to play.

When Shoop saw off his forward pass it certainly looked bad. For Schmidt he got the touchdown, and the visitors they got sad.

Then our boys went to the clubhouse and had a serious talk. And every man decided we must cross their lines of chalk.

So out upon the grid they went, their motto "Do or die."

We'll have to get those Bunknell boys, and make of them mince pie.

The ball is kicked, they try again to make a forward pass.

Oh, Summers, you're a dandy, and Mettler, you're a peach!

And good old Hart and Jacobson are right on the ball.

Oh, Byrdie, Byrd, your chip is heard; trail him with a smash!

Now, men of our eleven, stand steadfast, firm, and true; and when you play again next year, play hard for Buff and Blue.

RACING MEN WIN.

Supreme Court Hands Down Decision in Their Favor.

New York, Dec. 31.—Racing men of the Brighton Beach Association won a point today when the appellate division of the Supreme Court in Brooklyn handed down a decision that the selling of advance information for horse races was not a device for gambling, and therefore not a violation of the penal code.

Acting District Attorney Elder carried the case to the highest court, which decided against him this afternoon.

Judge Woodward handed down a long, written opinion, in which he declared he did not believe the legislature intended section 344 of the penal code to apply to advance slips at the race track.

This decision will not let down the bars to betting, but all racing men believe it is an entering wedge that will ultimately result in better times at the tracks.

RACES AT EMERYVILLE.

Large Fields and Poor Classes Mark the Day.

San Francisco, Dec. 31.—Favorites at Emeryville to-day failed to reward the public, who backed them. Large fields and poor classes predominated. The summaries:

FIRST RACE—Five furlongs. El Paso, 108 (Gibbs), 11 to 5; won; Oren, 108 (Lew), 8 to 1; second; Light Knight, 108 (Sullivan), 9 to 2; third; Time, 1:29.55. Postoffice Joe Nolan, Yakima Belle, Harry Rogers, Vincent Stokes, Autumn Days, Judge Green, and Belle Thorpe also ran.

SECOND RACE—Six furlongs. Adena, 108 (McIntyre), 10 to 1; won; M. P. (Knecht), 10 to 1; second; Dennington, 108 (Norton), 6 to 1; third; Time, 1:41.15. Miss Mary Russell, Lord Rossmore, Edgerly, Steel River, 108 (Lew), 10 to 1; fourth; Chalky Reddy and Long Tom also ran.

THIRD RACE—One mile. Hoyle, 108 (Knecht), 3 to 1; won; Oren, 108 (Lew), 1 to 2; second; Alvan, 108 (Lew), 1 to 2; third; Time, 1:54.15. Hampton House, The Viceroy, and Benji also ran.

FOURTH RACE—One mile. Ben and Ben, 108 (Knecht), 12 to 1; won; Standish, 108 (Norton), 6 to 1; second; Time, 1:41.55. Little Minister, Elsie, Trust, Rhinoc, George Green, Varden Yell, Clever, and Mrs. O'Farrell also ran.

FIFTH RACE—Five furlongs. Cloud Light, 108 (Norton), 4 to 1; won; Lady Jane, 95 (Martin), 10 to 1; second; Bessie, 108 (Howard), 3 to 1; third; Time, 1:24.35. Summer Cloud, Volma C. Taunt, and Darvas also ran.

SIXTH RACE—One mile and one-half furlongs. Lee Rose, 108 (Shilling), 1 to 6; won; Laxton William, 108 (Howard), 8 to 1; second; Emperor William, 108 (Powers), 10 to 1; third; Time, 2:05.15. Hamper, Middlebrook, Armature, and Woodbine also ran.

SEVENTH RACE—One mile. Hasty Annie, 108 (Papel), even; won; Nocturne, 108 (Russell), 10 to 1; second; Husky, 108 (Miller), 5 to 1; third; Time, 1:58.10. Vail also ran.

EIGHTH RACE—Seven furlongs. Golding, 108 (Shilling), 10 to 10; won; Ethelred, 108 (Powers), 5 to 1; second; Neva Lee, 108 (Miller), 5 to 1; third; Time, 1:54.15. Hansel, J. C. Chen, and Earl Rogers also ran.

NINTH RACE—One and one-half miles. King of the Mist, 108 (Powers), 8 to 5; won; King of the Mist, 108 (Powers), 8 to 5; second; Time, 3:20.15. St. Kilda, Red Cross, and Bernard and Mervina also ran.

TENTH RACE—One mile. Lord of the Forest, 108 (McGee), 7 to 1; won; St. Nicholas, 112 (Archbold), 12 to 1; second; Free Knight the Bear, 112 (Powers), 2 to 1; third; Time, 1:52.15. Vireo, Redondo, Old Settler, Senator Barrett, and Winters also ran.

SCRATCHES SPOIL CARD.

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